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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FMS TRANSACTIONS WITH GON

REF: (A) MANAGUA 3548, (B) STATE 189779 AND (C) MANAGUA 3718

1. DURING THE COURSE OF MY AUGUST 10 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA, HE ASKED ME SPECIFICALLY WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT HAD APPROVED THE M-16 SALES TO THE GON. I REPLIED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE SALE OF THE M-16'S (WITHOUT SPECIFYING AMOUNTS), BUT THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS BEING DEFERRED UNTIL SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO KNOW APPROXIMATELY WHEN THE DEPARTMENT'S FORMAL APPROVAL WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. IN THE ABSENCE OF GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THE PRESIDENT WAS INFORMED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON A DATE, BUT THAT I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE AFTER THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. HE SEEMED TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE ANSWER.

2. THE DEPARTMENT'S ANSWER TO REFTEL (C) IS AWAITED WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST.
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